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## Croatia

### Poultry and Products

## Croatia Confirms 3rd Case of H5N1 Avian Influenza 2006

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**Report Highlights:**

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- Infected areas are areas where AI was found, and endangered areas are areas within a 10 km radius from the place of infection.
- All domestic poultry must be housed; kiwi, emu, ostrich and wild birds in breeding must be confined in fenced-in areas without contact with wild birds
- The trade of poultry and all other breeding birds from the endangered areas is banned if the birds were not bred in official breeding houses and slaughtered in official slaughterhouses where veterinary inspections take place.
- It is forbidden to export poultry and any other kind of birds and their products from the infected and endangered areas
- Wild bird hunting is forbidden in the endangered and infected areas
- Hunting of certain wild bird species is banned in the whole Republic of Croatia
- It is forbidden to bring live birds in endangered and infected areas
- Stricter and better disinfection of vehicles that transport poultry and birds is required
- Hygienic and biosafety measures have been introduced at all poultry and bird breeding places
- The public and farmers are required to report any change in the health condition or behavior of birds, as well as contact with possibly infected birds to the closest veterinary organization

For additional information on avian influenza in Croatia, see GAINS reports: HR 5015, HR 5015, HR 5016, HR 6002